

## AMENDMENT TO THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Replace the Abstract paragraph on Page 16 with the following new paragraph:

Information regarding the quality of performance of a plurality of suppliers that each supply goods to a vendor is generated by initially gathering data regarding the quality of performance of the plurality of suppliers in a plurality of different computer databases, some of ~~or~~ or all of which may be incompatible. The gathered data from the plurality of different computer databases is stored in a central controller. Then, the stored data in the central controller is converted into a compatible format and stored in a single database. From that single database, information regarding the quality of performance of a plurality of suppliers can be generated.